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Apostolic Church of the
Living God
Starr, Maryland
Private

Early 20th Century

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Apostolic Church of the Living God is located on the north side of Neighbors Road just east of Starr, Maryland.

This small, frame temple form church probably dates to the turn of the century and was abandoned in recent years when the black congregation took over a larger vacant white Methodist church nearby.

The building is 24 1/2 feet wide and 36 1/2 feet long, with the south gable facade oriented to the road. A double door is centered on the south gable, flanked on each side by a single window. A rectangular window over the front door has been blocked. These windows consist of 1/1 sash with small panes of stained glass framing each large, clear glass light. There are three 1/1 windows on the east and west facades. On the north gable wall, a small rectangular chancel projects from the center with a single small window on each side wall of the chancel. The building rests on low brick piers and is covered with asbestos shingle siding. The eaves are boxed in and oversail; the roof is asphault shingle. Internal brick stove chimneys rist against the east and west facade walls of the church. A small cornerstone in the southeast foundation

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

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The interior of the church is plainly finished except for vertical wainscot paneling below a simple chairrail. An altar rail survives intact across the north end of the church. The name of the church, "The Apostolic Church of the Living God", is painted across the north wall of the church above the altar area.

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Front facade from Southwest



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